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✓ Story by H.H. Van Loan ✓
Adapted by Frank S. Beresford ✓
Directed by Harry Garson ✓
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C A S T .

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Jack Ames-----	Lefty Flynn.
Mary Bryant-----	Ethel Shannon
Wendell Martin-----	Frank Elliott
Charles Bryant-----	Ralph McCullough
Ulysses-----	Raymond Turner
Red Dugan-----	Fred Burns

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Wendell Martin, apparently a wealthy idler about town, is in reality the brains of the gang that is making fortunes in smuggling in Oriental "picture brides". He is in love with Mary Bryant, and has obtained a hold over her weakling brother, Charles, who has left home and is the cause of many heartaches to Mary and his mother. Charles he has placed with Red Dugan, one of his "shore men" in the smuggling game. Wing Lee, a polished, Angloized Chinaman and Captain Horan, of the contraband schooner, are also Martin's aids.

In his first day as motorcycle officer Ames saves Mary from a terrible death when her car crashed with another auto and she is thrown to the electric tracks just as a fast trolley is approaching. Careening along on his motorcycle in pursuit of the car that causes the crash, Ames turns, sweeps Mary up from the track with one arm, and shoots past the front of the trolley to safety. He immediately falls in love with Mary and shows by his love-making that his nickname of "Speed" means more than mere physical velocity.

In chasing a darkened Limousine from the beach, Ames finds that he is pursuing some of the smugglers. But Red Dugan, driver of the big car, slows down at a bridge to let the officer go ahead, then steps on the throttle quickly and hurls Ames and his motorcycle through the light railing into the river. Jack escapes unhurt, and is more than ever determined to "get" the smugglers. During the chase he has caught a good flash of Charley Bryant's face on the seat beside Dugan, and he recognizes it when he visits Mary at her home that night. She tells him of their trouble with the boy and he promises to recover him if possible. Meanwhile, Martin has promised the same thing; and makes arrangement his captain to reserve a cabin for himself and his "wife" when the schooner sails.

Combing Chinatown for Charley, Ames plays the part of a drunk, and accompanied by Ulysses, his colored valet, amuses the spectators in the dens of the Oriental quarter. Wing Lee has meanwhile been splitting the profits with Martin and in a back room. Charley tells Martin he is "through" and goes out into the adjoining dance hall restaurant, where the supposedly "drunken" Jack finds him. Martin sees this and sends his ruffians to get Ames.

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A big fight follows in which Jack knocks Charley out, tells his valet to drag him to the car, and finally escapes after a terrific battle with Martin's men. At his own house he phones Mary, only to find that she has left with Martin, who has told her that Charley is aboard the schooner.

A quick jump to his motorcycle, and Jack is off in pursuit while Ulysses is sent to put the regular motorcycle squad on the trail. Ames finally overtakes Martin in the cave just as he is about to go out to the schooner with Mary, and in a rough and tumble battle delays the start until the officer arrives. Mary and Jack leave for their honeymoon with a big detachment of motorcycle police escorting them from town, headed by the ludicrous Ulysses.

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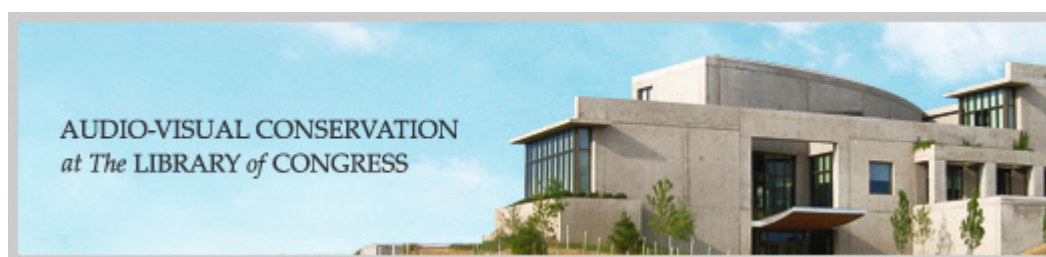
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